Equipment to handicapped persons

6703 SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to chalk out any time bound programme to make available necessary equipment to every handicapped person in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposals in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details theroef?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Welfare has been providing aids and appliances to the handicapped persons under the Scheem of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) since 1981. Though there is no time-bound programme efforts are being made to cover maximum number of disabled persons under the Scheme.

An amount of Rs. 55 crores was earmarked for the ADIP scheme during the 8th Five Year Plan. So far Ministry has spent on amount of Rs. 32.78 crores during the first three years of 8th Five Year Plan (92.93 to 94.95). About 1.87 lakh handicapped persons have been given aids and appliances during the above persiod. The Ministry will spend remaining amount of grant (Rs. 22.22 crores) during 1995-96 and 1996-97 to cover an estimated 1.80 lakh disabled persons.

Inclusion of Bedas and Nayak Communities in the list of scheduled tribes

6704. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government haveu urged Central Government to include Bedas and Nayak communities in the list of ST;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon: and

(c) if not by when it is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) Beda & Nayak communities have already been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Karnataka vide the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Act, 1991 dated 17th September, 1991.

Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana

6705 SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed under micro enterprises and smployment general on for the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the target so fixed was achieved during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The targets fixed under micro enterprises and employment geneation for the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 were 40,000 and 2,20,000 beneficiaries respectively.

(b) and (c) Against the target of 40,000 for 1993-94 and 2.20 lakhs for 1994-95 the number of persons sanctioned loan under the scheme were 31,797 and 1,87625 respectively. There was an achievement of 79.5 per cent and 85.3 pr cent during the year 1993.94 and 1994.95 respectively